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Re:

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For:

Active Substance Combination Based on Trifluorobutinyl

Compounds and Exhibiting Nematicidal and Insecticidal Properties

Inventors: ANDERSCH et al. Our Ref: 2400.0060000/VLC/BLS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
- 2. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet);
- 3. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet);
- 4. Copies of eleven (11) cited references (FP1 FP9 and NPL1 NPL2); and
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Document FP2, DE 26 41 343 A1, is in the German language. An English language abstract of document FP2 is cited as document NPL1 and submitted herewith.

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